

Template for Good Cause Expungement Bill:

Dear Chair Clippinger and the Judiciary Committee,

My name is JOHN JOHNSON and I am a resident of District 44A. I am writing in support of HB 55, the Good Cause Expungement. Current law states that courts may grant a petition for expungement on a showing of good cause if the charges resulted in a non-conviction, probation before judgment, stet, or the charge was vacated. The proposed legislation seeks to expand the court's good cause expungement power to misdemeanors or felonies it deems worthy of expungement.

My experience with the legal system is

LIMITED IN THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN INCARCERATED. I DO HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN THRU THE SYSTEM

I believe criminal record expungements are important

because IT ALLOWS DOORS TO OPEN THAT CAN BRING A POSITIVE OUTLOOK TO AN INDIVIDUALS FUTURE

It will be a challenge (and a huge-time investment) for the legislature to decide every single conviction that should be expungable. This bill proposes a common-sense solution: let the judges who levy the sentence decide whether it should be expunged once a person has served their time.

I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

